



John Robert Mitchell

March 2, 1956 - April 11, 2026

John Robert Mitchell was born and grew up in Leavenworth, Kansas. After graduating from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism, John spent a year in Japan teaching English to Japanese students. After he returned to the U.S., John attended and received a law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Missouri and Texas and later worked as an Escalation Specialist for CitiBank.

John loved music, both singing and playing guitar. He enjoyed writing and performing his own songs and belonged to the Songwriter's Circle. He even produced a CD of his own original material. He regularly attended the Walnut Valley Music Festival in Winfield, KS, as both an observer and performer. John sang at numerous open mike nights and small venues in the Kansas City area.

John was an active member of the Pagan community in Kansas City. He attended the annual Heartland Spiritual Alliance for many years where he hosted the annual talent show as well as attending the nightly Bardic Circle. John also supplied the music for the Pagan open rituals and other celebrations.

He loved cats, and shared his apartments with numerous feline companions over the years. In 2017, John was diagnosed with an aggressive meningioma which took his sight. He fought back just as aggressively but ultimately lost his

battle with it on April 11, 2026.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence & Delores (Ruskin) Mitchell. He is survived by his long-time love, Breanna Gardner, his brother, James (Claudia) Mitchell, his nieces Stephanie (Glenda Chaplin) Mitchell and Catherine (William D.) Gulick, his great-nephew & niece William L. and Natalie Gulick.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ John and I were in the same class at UVA Law School, graduating in 1983. We were two of seven Kansas natives in that class of 350. Sorry to learn of John's passing.

Greg Musil - May 14 at 03:30 PM



“ Ann Brownson lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell



Ann Brownson - April 17 at 10:10 PM

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“ I have been volunteered for years as one of his first acts of the talent shows he hosted. If always made me proud that he knew he could put me first & I had something to share. I loved listening to him & his music for years. He's been a wonderful man to know & be friends with. I will miss his voice & his songs & his companionship. Such a wonderful friend I will miss greatly.

Ann Browns - April 17 at 10:09 PM



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